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BUTZ

FOR S/S ONLY

REF: A) STATE 233786; B) ROME 14619; AND MILLER/LUERS PHONE
CONVERSATION OCTOBER 24

1. THE BUTZ ROME ETA OF 1750 HOURS ON NOVEMBER 4 (PARA 4 REF
A) IS CROWDING THE KISSINGER ETA OF 1830 HOURS THE SAME DAY A
LITTLE TOO CLOSELY FOR OUR COMFORT. IN ADDITION THE AGRICULTURE
ATTACHE HERE INFORMED US TODAY THAT BUTZ WANTSTO HOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE HOTEL EXCELSIOR AT 1900 HOURS OR IN OTHER WORDS
AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES IN TOWN FROM THE AIRPORT.

2. WE OF COURSE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO
INSURE THAT LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS GO SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY,
AND THERE IS NOT DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT WE CAN MOVE EACH OF THE
TWO GROUPS INVOLVED PROVIDING THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN THE
TWO ETA'S TO DO SO. THE BUTZ ETA WE INITIALLY RECEIVED WAS 2300
OR 2400 HOUR NOVEMBER 4, WHICH PRESENTED NO PROBLEM, BUT AS THINGS
NOW STAND, OUR RESOURCES WILL BE SORELY STRETCHED, PERHAPS
BEYOND THE SNAPPING POINT (REF B.)

3. AS DISCUSSED REF PHONE CALL, REF B BEING EXPANDED AND UP-
DATED IN SEPTEL.

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4. URGE THAT YOU MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE BUTZ PARTY

TO RESCHEDULE THEIR BRUSSELS/ROME FLIGHT TO ARRIVE AS LATE ON THE
EVENING OF NOVEMBER 4 AS POSSIBLE. VOLPE

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